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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: CONTACT GROUP FOR PIRACY OFF THE COAST OF SOMALIA

REF: STATE 085758

Classified By: Acting Political Minister Counselor David Kostelancik.
Reason: 1.4 (b), (d).

(C) We conveyed reftel points to Sergei Shestakov, Section Chief of the MFA's New Threats and Challenges division and provided the text in reftel paragraph 6 as a non-paper. Shestakov noted that, from his perspective, membership in the contact group for piracy had always been open to all countries. We clarified that, rather than have a limited membership of the group, the U.S. wants to move instead to a concept of participation. In response to Shestakov's query, we stated that the U.S. does not intend to place this item on the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

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